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Federal Mandates Bring Changes to Hazardous Waste Manifests

SACRAMENTO – New Federal requirements will require thousands in the hazardous waste industry to use new form. An estimated 120,000 hazardous waste generators, 850 hazardous waste transporters, and 90 hazardous waste treatment storage and disposal facilities in the state of California are required to use new federal Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest forms starting Sep. 5, 2006. Manifests are used by environmental regulators to track the generation, shipment and disposal of hazardous waste. Over 500 State and local hazardous waste regulators use manifest data and can enforce manifest requirements.

“We want to make sure all of our generators, transporters and disposal facilities are familiar with the new federal forms to ensure that this transition goes smoothly in California,” said Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Director Maureen Gorsen. “In an effort to provide assistance to those impacted by the change, the department is conducting outreach and training,” Gorsen added.

The manifest form change was mandated by the U.S. EPA in order to simplify and unify the tracking of hazardous waste nationwide. In the past several states, including California used their own manifests. Starting September 5, the California manifest will be eliminated. California will continue to require submission of manifest copies from generators and facilities.

Some of the most significant changes to the form include:

- Adoption of a new federal manifest, continuation sheets, and instructions.
- New procedures for load rejections and more detailed discrepancy descriptions with additional fields for international shipments.
- Addition of generator site address on each manifest and room for up to six federal or state waste codes for each waste stream.

The most likely mistakes to lookout for include:

- Use of wrong manifest form for shipments started on and after Sep. 5, 2006.
- Failure to send DTSC the Generator or Disposal facility manifest copy when DTSC's address is no longer printed on manifest, as it is now.
- Using fractions or decimals for waste quantity on the manifest, this is prohibited on and after September 5.

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- Failure of facilities to complete the discrepancy section and alternative facility section correctly.
- Failure of generators receiving rejected loads or container residue to properly sign and submit the Disposal facility copy of the manifest and to re-ship the waste in 90 days.

To avoid mistakes, facilities, transporters, and generators are encouraged to attend one of 25 training workshops DTSC is presenting in partnership with the California Waste Association. For a schedule and to register online, go to www.go2cwa.org.

For more information about the manifest changes, workshops and how to purchase the new form, visit www.dtsc.ca.gov. Under the category of Hot Topics, click on New Manifest or go to www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/Manifests.cfm.

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